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ADOT Southwest Regional Planner
4111 Aviation Ave.
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August 6, 2004

Dear Allen Kemplan,

As we all know in rural Alaska affordable transportation and energy are the key components to the success at the local, regional and state levels. Depending historically on large outside canning operations that operate only a couple months in the summer, the Bristol Bay area is rich in resources and poor in infrastructure development. With the declining fisheries and State revenues, local populations have migrated into urban areas for employment. Opportunities in the tourism sector such as hunting and fishing guiding are generally restricted to outside interests who have very little interaction with local village economies. Local and realistic transportation planning is critical to addressing the urgent needs of rural Alaska in order to proceed with sustainable development and economic success.

The villages of Pilot Point, Port Heiden, Ugashik and Egegik have discussed local transportation issues extensively. We deliver approx. 25% of all the sockeye salmon landed in Alaska, have two of the five largest lake systems in the State, two National Wildlife Refuges and one National Monument Preserve as well as discoveries in oil, gas and titanium. Most of the migratory birds of North America stage within our area on their north and south migrations and ecotourism is one of the fastest growing industries in this country.

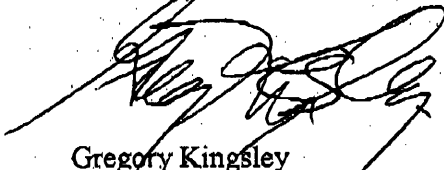
This past year we were informed via the media that a Trans-Alaska Peninsula road would connect King Salmon to Chignik under a program entitled "Roads to Resources". While the region's residents have been planning this Village intertie for ten years and beyond, we have some deep seated reservations about the feasibility and consequent necessity of certain parts of the entire route. The section from Pilot Point to Port Heiden crosses extensive wetland areas, critical wildlife habitat, and Federally protected lands. We have proposed in the past, and strongly support again, the prospect of connecting a deep water port in Wide Bay to the only feasible deep water port access on the east side of Bristol Bay at Smoky Point, 3.5 mi. from Pilot Point and .5 mi. from the Dago Creek road terminus. This road would intertie with Egegik via an existing rudimentary road and cat trail as well as pass through Ugashik to Wide Bay.

A deep water port to deep water port transport route would allow shipping opportunities for not only the commercial fisheries to improve quality and prices of sockeye salmon catches, but all shipping to western Alaska by cutting off the circumnavigation of the Alaska Peninsula. There exists an historical easement through the Ak. Penn. National Wildlife Refuge and Wide Bay had a large dock site in the past. The project would entail two river crossings but, is primarily on dry level ground with a surplus of high quality gravel sources. There has been and still is a proposal in the STIP for a 4.9 mi. road from the existing landfill to the Ugashik River that would tie into the Egegik. Ugashik. Pilot Point to Wide Bay tie in. The road was scheduled to be constructed in 2006 but, has been delayed twice due to State funding deficiencies. Included are resolutions of support. We can provide extensive supporting documents for the Ugashik River Road. It is one of Pilot Point's primary goals.

There is in place a steering committee and feasibility study in progress for development of a fish processing plant and port facilities for small trawl and possible fish meal processing from the floating trawl fleet in the Bering Sea. Alternative fisheries include bottom fish such as halibut and sole, mid level fisheries in cod and a estimated annual clam harvest potential of 30 mega tons of whole clams or 19-25 million pounds of meat per year between Port Heiden and Pilot Point. With salmon payoffs at .35 -.40 per lb., it is imperative to properly process and transport the 10-15 million fish caught in the two areas annually. Affordable transportation of resources, including tourism, is essential to economic survival.

We are requesting that this option be considered. Given the timing, rural residents are not available to respond to the public comment deadline. As you can see from the sample of resolutions, this option has been considered. It is part of both Ugashik's and Pilot Point's long term transportation plan. Discussions with Egegik have been unanimous in favor of this local infrastructure development. The State of Alaska and Lake and Peninsula Borough would benefit from this option as well as all of Western Alaska with cheaper freight access.

Sincerely,



Gregory Kingsley
Pilot Point Tribal Council
City of Pilot Point



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Resolution 01-09-01

A Resolution Requesting the Addition of Roads to the BIA System & Identifying Pilot Point's Construction Priority

- WHEREAS, the Pilot Point Traditional Council is a federally recognized tribe and is the governing body of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe qualifies for services and benefits under both the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) and IRR Road Maintenance programs; and
- WHEREAS, the BIA is responsible for updating the IRR Inventory when a tribe determines there is a need for a BIA system change; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe has identified routes that qualify as IRR routes and has a need to update and create mileage in the BIA system to be included in the Alaska Region's 20 year transportation plan; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe has identified routes that are vital to its economic and cultural development and requests that BIA acquire the right-of-way on behalf of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe has identified the construction of a road from Pilot Point to Ugashik River, known as the Ugashik River Road, as their highest construction priority; and
- WHEREAS, the construction of this road will tie into the final road project connecting the deep water ports of Pilot Point to the deep port access of Wide Bay across the Alaska Peninsula, known as the Wide Bay Road; and
- WHEREAS, this proposed road will benefit and develop the economic base for the entire region and is supported by the villages of Egegik, Ugashik and Pilot Point;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pilot Point Traditional finds that the routes identified on the attached inventory are IRR routes vital to the economic development of the tribe and the well-being of its members and have been identified as such through the Tribes 20 year transportation planning process to become part of the Alaska Region's 20 year transportation plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pilot Point Tribal Council hereby request the BIA to add the routes identified in the attached inventory document to the BIA's Inventory of Indian Reservation Roads as BIA system routes for construction and maintenance.

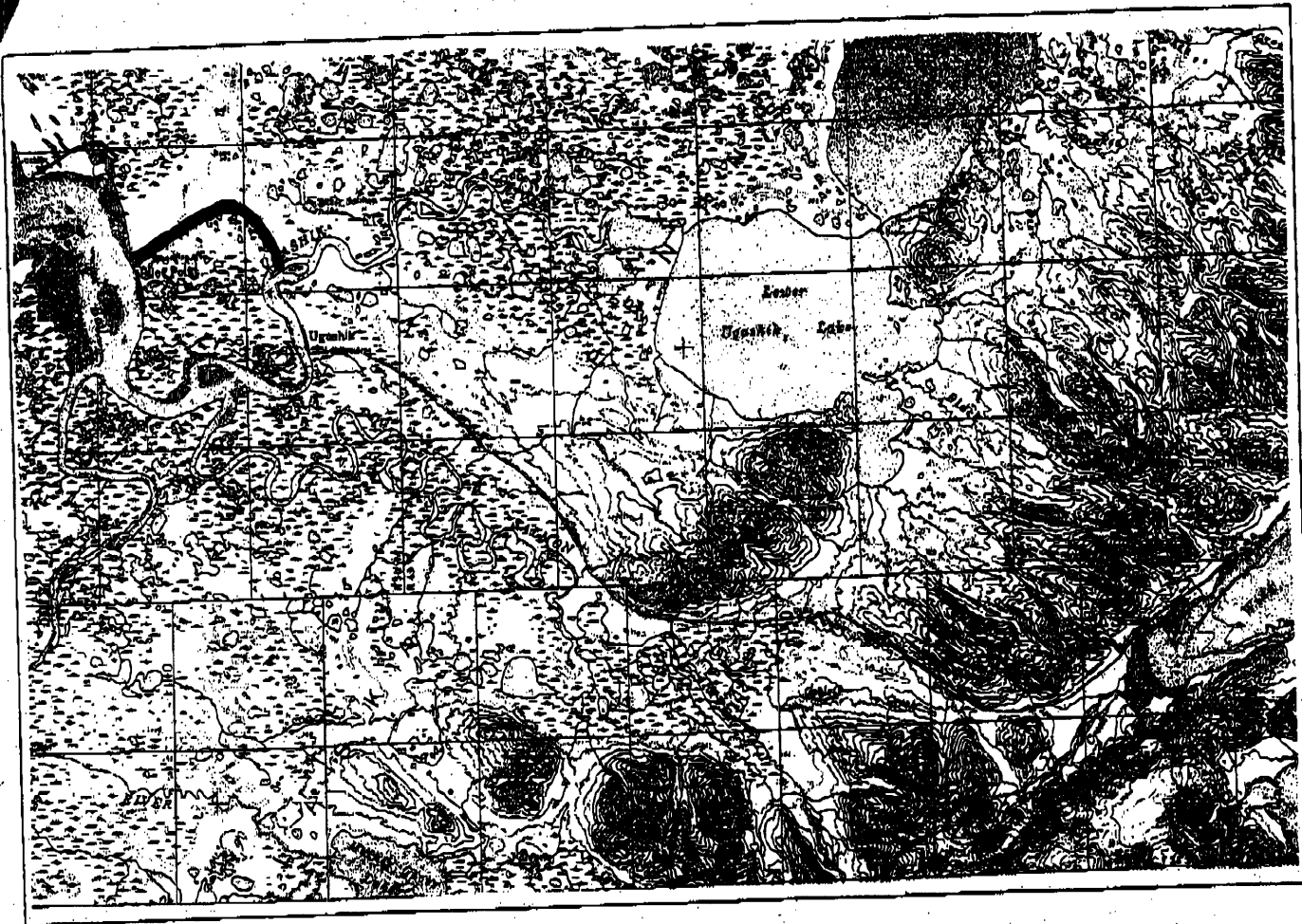
CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned president, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed by the Pilot Point Traditional Council.

Signed: Suzanne Evanoff
Suzanne Evanoff, President

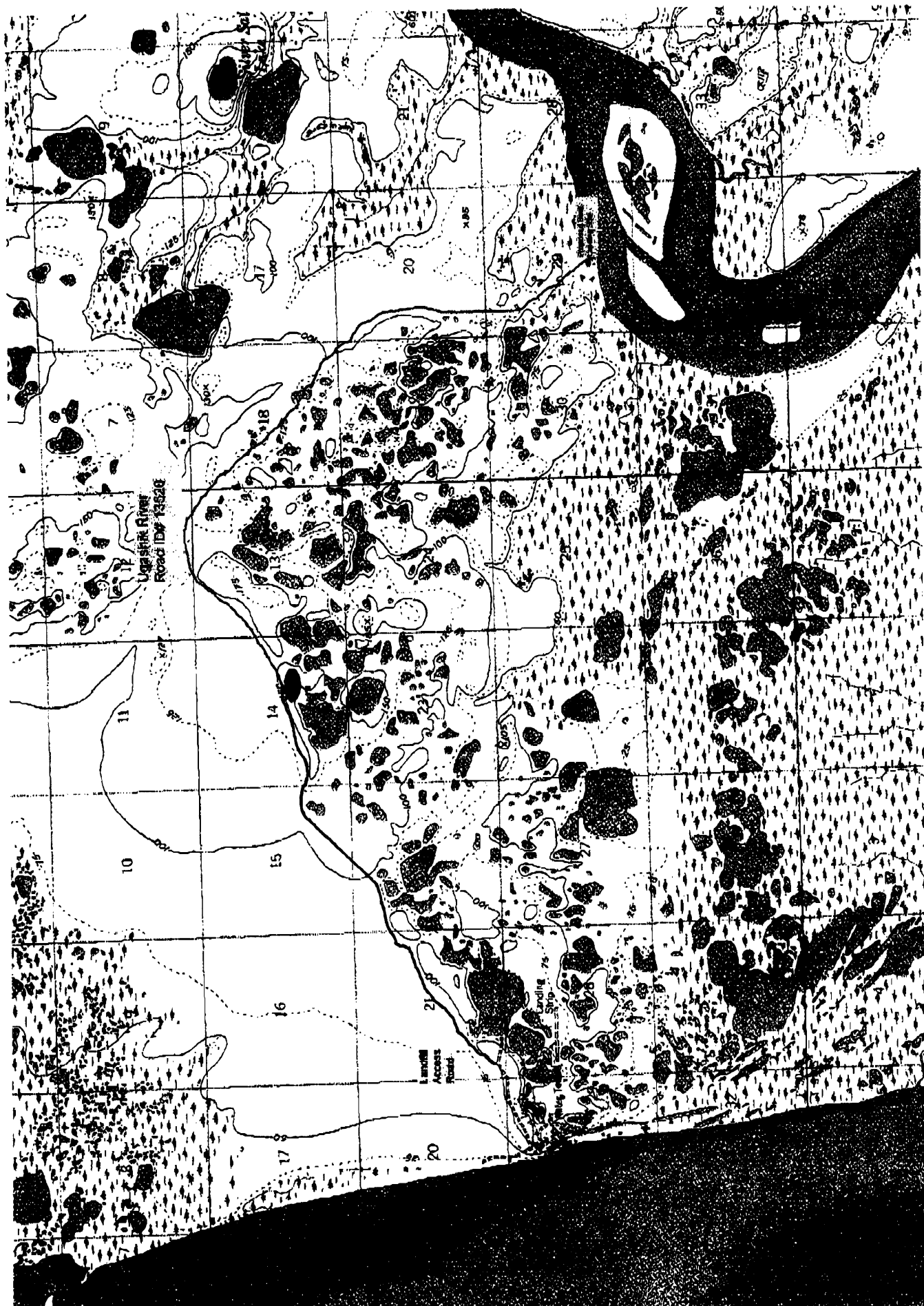
Date: 8/13/01

Pilot Point Village Proposed Roads



Pilot Point's construction priority is the Ugashik River Road (following page) which is on the BIA TIP for funding. This will include the completion of the 2.8 mile Landfill Highway connecting Pilot Point to the Ugashik River Road and intertie with the proposed Wide Bay Road from the Pacific deep sea port at Wide Bay to Ugashik- 37miles, across the Ugashik River to Pilot Point - 4.9miles and then across Dago Creek to the deep port access of Smokey Point-2miles. An intertie with Egegik is also included in the plan. Planning for the project is in the preliminary stage.

The third construction need includes the building of a one mile road from the terminus of South Spit View Avenue to the deep port site of Mark Remey's beach site. A fulltide dock is included in the project which is still in the preliminary planning stage.





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Resolution 01-06-02

A Resolution Supporting a Transportation Intertie Connecting the Deep Sea Ports of Wide Bay to Ugashik Bay

WHEREAS, the Pilot Point Traditional Council is the Federally recognized governing body of the Tribal members of Pilot Point, Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the Pilot Point Traditional Council has the authority to establish relationships and enter into contracts for the well being of the Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the Pilot Point Traditional Council has examined the possible areas of environmentally sound, socially safe and spiritually enhancing routes of economic development, and

WHEREAS, the Pilot Point Traditional Council has taken into consideration all possible transportation routes and means of development that will relieve the current economic distress experienced by Western Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the shortest most feasible portage of the Alaska Peninsula exists between Wide Bay and Ugashik Bay, and

WHEREAS, a transportation link would eliminate the long circumnavigation of the storm battered coast of the Alaska Peninsula, and

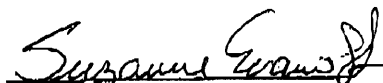
WHEREAS, a transportation link would allow for deep drafted shipping to transfer to barge destinations throughout Western Alaska, and

WHEREAS, a transportation connection from the deep sea access of Wide Bay across the Alaska Peninsula to the deep sea access of Ugashik Bay will allow for reasonable freight transportation, controlled visitor access, environmentally sound resource development and an alternative transportation source to the exorbitant air delivery system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Pilot Point Traditional fully endorses The development of a transportation linkage connecting Wide Bay to Ugashik Bay as part of the essential infrastructure needs for Western Alaska.

Certification

This resolution was duly considered and adopted at the meeting of the Pilot Point Traditional Council in Pilot Point, Alaska on this 1st day of June, 2001


Suzanne Evanoff, President

Attest: 
Jackie Kalmakoff, Administrator

UGASHIK TRADITIONAL VILLAGE
206 E. Fireweed Lane, # 204
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

December 17, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

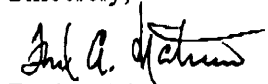
We are sending in this letter to support Pilot Point's proposed road to access the Ugashik River.

WE feel that this road will make travel on the Ugashik River safer due to the fact that the people can bypass the Pilot Point flats and also the Dog Salmon River area. These two areas on the river can become very turbulent due to the wind and the flow of the river.

It will give Ugashik residents and the Ugashik Lakes area people an access to the Pilot Point landfill, an area for our residents to dump their garbage.

We feel that this road will further open up Ugashik's proposed road to access Wide Bay to meet our transportation needs for freight, fuel and possibly our fish products. If you have any questions, please contact our Tribal Administrator at the address below. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Fred A. Matsuno
Tribal President, UTV

PILOT POINT NATIVE CORPORATION

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Resolution 00-07-01

A RESOLUTION BY THE PILOT POINT NATIVE CORPORATION PERMITTING A ROAD EASMENT ACROSS CORPORATION LANDS FROM THE SOLID WASTE ACCESS SITE TO THE UGASHIK RIVER.

WHEREAS, the Pilot Point Native Corporation Shareholders recognize the necessity for improvements in economic and quality of life for the residents of Pilot Point; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pilot Point has been seriously impacted by poor fish runs, out migration and lack of economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a road connecting the landfill to the Ugashik River would provide improvements in quality of life, economic benefits and job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a road to the Ugashik River would greatly enhance the value of Pilot Point Native Corporation holdings; and


WHEREAS, infrastructure development is critical to the survival and success of the Village of Pilot Point.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pilot Point Native Corporation supports the construction of an access road connecting the current landfill to the Ugashik River.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pilot Point Native Corporation and Bristol Bay Native Corporation agree to permit a right of way access in exchange for sole rights to sell burrow material for the construction of the aforementioned road project and a completed survey.

Passed by a quorum of the Pilot Point Native Corporation on this 29th day of July 2000.


Cecelia Christensen, President


Andrew Abyo, Alternate Secretary

A resolution supporting a road and utility corridor from the new landfill site to the Ugashik River

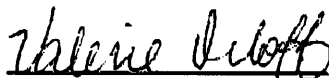
- Whereas, the Ugashik River and Lake system are widely used commercially and recreationally by both residents and non-residents alike; and
- Whereas, a road will provide users of this pristine wilderness access to a controlled and regulated landfill; and
- Whereas, given the economic disaster effects of the 1997 and 1998 commercial salmon fishing seasons, the residents of Pilot Point are seeking to diversify their economic opportunities; and
- Whereas, a road will provide opportunities for residents to participate in charter and hospitality businesses which currently exist to the exclusion of local residents; and
- Whereas, the current access to the river and lake areas from Pilot Point requires a 15 mile crossing of hazardous open water complicated by strong tidal currents; and
- Whereas, a road will eliminate this crossing and provide safe access to the river for subsistence, recreational, and commercial users from Pilot Point; and
- Whereas, Pilot Point operates a health clinic, and possesses a 3,500 foot runway with navigational lights that allows 24 hour a day access; and
- Whereas, the residents of Ugashik, area lodge personnel, and lake users would benefit from access to the clinic and medi-vac services; so therefore

BE IT RESOLVED:

that the Pilot Point City Council hereby endorses and supports every effort made towards the construction of a road connecting the new landfill to the Ugashik River.


Mayor Gust Griechen III

ATTEST:


City Clerk Valerie Orloff



City of Pilot Point, Alaska

Adopted: 03/14/2000